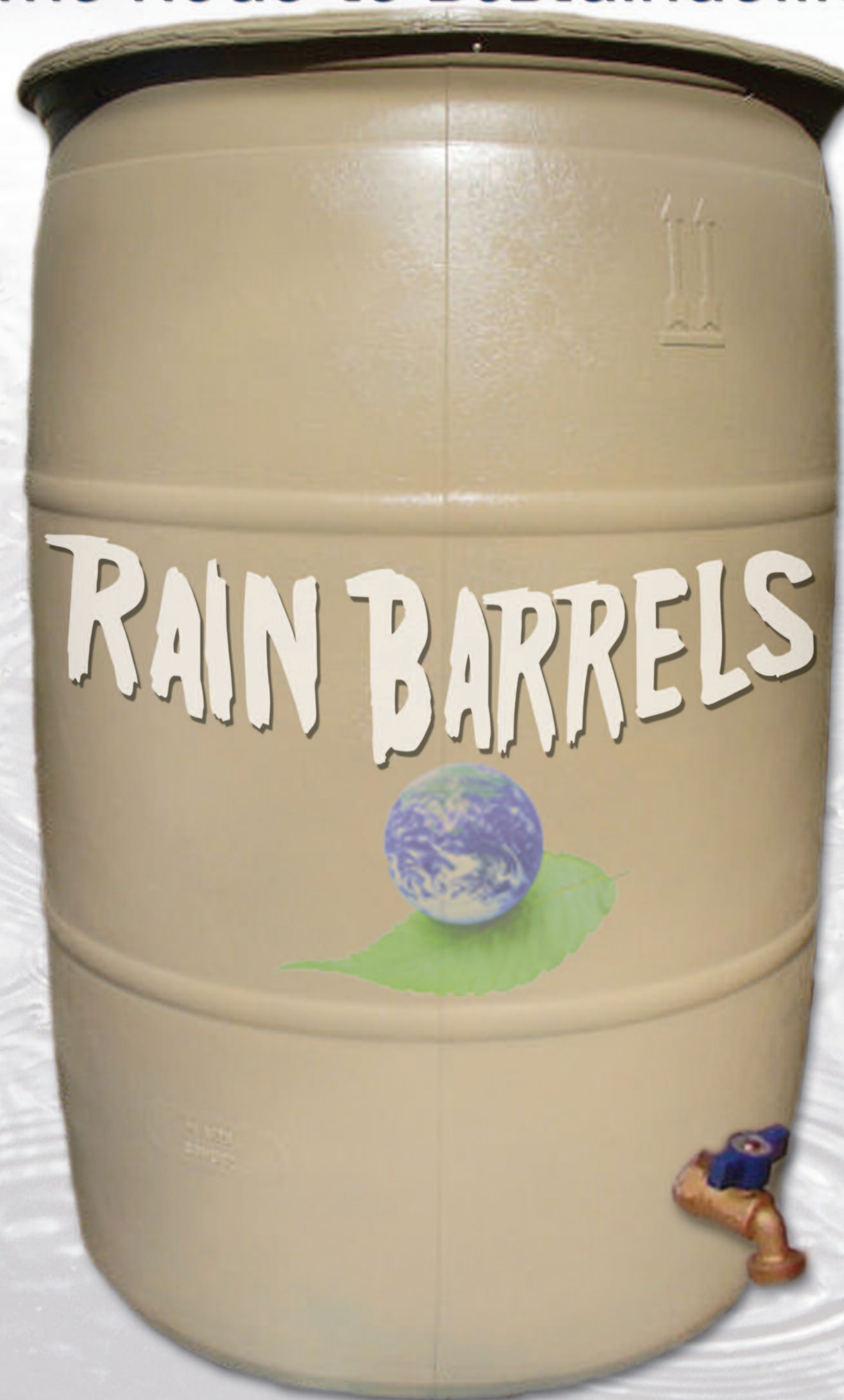


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IDOT's Green Initiatives

The Road to Sustainability



A Rain Barrel connected to your downspout is a great way to keep storm water out of the system and to cut down your water bill. Because you are collecting right off the roof, it has few contaminants and is perfect for watering the garden.

Rain Barrel Sustainability Benefits:

- Reduces the volume of water flowing to the sewer treatment facility
- Lowers the percentage of roof top rainfall as a component of urban runoff
- Backup source of water during times of drought or between rain showers
- Helps to keep our creeks and beaches clean
- Naturally softened water - great for delicate houseplants, auto cleaning and window washing
- Saves money by lowering your water bill
- Reduces the need for additional tax dollars earmarked for sewer expansion
- Chlorine-free water helps maintain a healthy biotic community in the soil
- Educational tool for teaching residents about water conservation

*Rain Barrels brought to you by the
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